

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Wilson Announces TAA Benefits for Laid Off Workers at Marietta Plant

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that workers at Americas Styrenics, LCC, a Marietta-based manufacturing plant, have qualified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) through the U.S. Department of Labor under the Recovery Act.

Americas Styrenics' Marietta Plant manufactures insulation products, including styrene monomer and polystyrene pellets. Such products are used in packaging for food and beverages, CDs and cassettes, and a wide range of electronics and toys. Recently, the company has experienced declining sales and production due to increases in imported polysterene pellets. This decline has forced Americas Styrenics to lay off or drastically cut back the hours of workers at the plant.

United Steelworkers petitioned for displaced Americas Styrenics workers to receive TAA benefits. Congressman Wilson supported those efforts and also asked Labor Secretary Hilda Solis for her support in the matter.

"We need to fight for our Ohio companies and workers," Wilson said. "These TAA benefits will help workers find new employment with comparable wages. The sooner we get people back to work, the sooner our country can regain its financial footing."